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Sb: Proposed Las Pilitas Quarry, traffic impact

I support the installation of Class II bicycle lanes from Santa Margarita to the quarry site as a mitigation measure for operation of the quarry. Additionally, I believe that all the truck drivers should be required to attend yearly training on operating vehicles around bicyclists. The League of American Bicyclists (<http://www.bikeleague.org>) has a course specifically targeted for motorists. The City of San Luis Obispo requires (and provides) similar yearly training of this type for their bus operators. The focus of these courses is safe vehicle operation around bicyclists, whether the bicyclists are operating legally or not. The course also provides details on what legal operation of a bicycle includes according to the CA Vehicle Code.

With no change in the roadway design, there are currently only .4 miles (approx.) in each direction striped for legal passing between Santa Margarita and the quarry site. At no place are the lane widths wider than 14' and most are narrower. This is not a sharable lane width (safe operation of both the bike and truck within the lane) and the CA Vehicle Code 21202 (a) (3) allows bicyclists full use of a lane in this condition. While I am concerned about trucks attempting to pass bicyclists too close or when they don't have good sight lines, I'm even more concerned about poor decisions made by motorists that queue behind a truck, not knowing that the bicyclist is in front of the truck.

Given the current volume of traffic (motorists and bicyclists) and the proposed increase of truck traffic, this project should not go forward without roadway improvements focused on both bicycle and truck use at the same time.

Thank you for your attention on this matter,

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